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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

32 September 13, 2011

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**AUTHORIZE LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S PURCHASING AGENT
TO PROCEED WITH THE PURCHASE OF TWO FIXED
ASSET ITEMS IN EXCESS OF \$250,000
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request Board approval to authorize the Internal Services Department (ISD), in its capacity as the Los Angeles County's (County) Purchasing Agent, to proceed with the acquisition of two Opposed Boarding System Vessels (Vessels) to assist in the security of the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, the coastal take off areas of Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), Catalina Island, and the County coastline.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Authorize the County's Purchasing Agent to proceed with the acquisition of two Vessels. The purchase exceeds the \$250,000 fixed asset threshold established by your Board and requires your approval to proceed with the solicitation and acquisition process.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On February 22, 2011, the Board approved the purchase of an Opposed Boarding System Vessel with 2008 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant funds from the Department of Homeland Security. In the approved Board letter, it indicated an additional \$1 million would be received in the future from a Port Homeland Grant to purchase two additional Vessels. This would complete the boarding system. The Port Homeland Security Grant Approval Authority has approved the purchase of the two additional Vessels, as this purchase would assist in the security of the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, which would benefit all citizens and businesses in the County. Safe ports are not only

vital to the well-being of the citizens of the County, but have dire fiscal impact to ensure goods and services flow without interruption.

In the event of a terrorist or criminal incident in the port, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) only has ship boarding capabilities by air. The purchase of the additional Vessels will allow the Department to board ships by sea. This purchase will be used to counteract the recent increase in narcotics smuggling by vessels from Mexico into the County. This purchase will complete the entire boarding system indicated in the February 15, 2011, Board letter. In the event of an emergency and/or during training, Department members from the Special Enforcement Bureau will operate these vessels.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan, Goal 5, Public Safety, as this action supports our public safety mission by increasing security at our ports.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The \$1 million in funding for this purchase will come from the 2008 Federal Port Security Grant Program. There is a 25 percent matching fund requirement for this grant. The total cost of these Vessels is \$1.3 million, which has been included in the Department's Fiscal Year 2011-12 budget. The \$333,000 matching fund requirement will be funded by budget authority narcotics forfeiture funds.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On October 16, 2001, your Board adopted a policy whereby departments must obtain Board approval to purchase equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or greater prior to submitting their purchase requisitions to ISD for processing the acquisition.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The acquisition of equipment is under the statutory authority of the County's Purchasing Agent and will be requisitioned, solicited, and purchased in accordance with the County's purchasing policies and procedures.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The purchase of the two Vessels will assist the Department in maintaining and increasing its port security, LAX security, coastal critical infrastructure security, and mutual aid obligations.

CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, please return four individually certified copies of the adopted Board letter to the Department.

Sincerely,



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Sheriff

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